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Editorial

On the very eve of going to press this year we were startled, to say the least of it, by the news that our Headmaster, Mr. R. E. E. Booker, is leaving us at the end of the term. For a year or two now he has been suggesting that this was coming, so that, perhaps, we ought not to have found his departure so unexpected. But we had imagined that it was merely the cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" and were quite unprepared for the event. An appreciation of his work at Saltus appears elsewhere in this issue; here we would be content with saying that it was under his administration that the school grew up. As many of the older men in Bermuda know, the school in its earlier days was a very small affair, comparable in many ways to the village schools which are described in the English authors of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Such a school, with a headmaster who is a "character", may frequently produce great men; but education for this modern world is, perhaps unfortunately, a much more complicated business, and Mr. Booker, by his organizational ability, by his acquisition of a more numerous staff, by his insistence on the need for more adequate buildings and equipment and by his encouragement of an actively interested Old Boys' Association, has laid the foundations of an institution which can, as some of our Old Boys' successes have already shown, compete educationally with anything of its sort this side of the Atlantic. He leaves with our thanks for the past and our good wishes for the future.

His place is to be taken by Mr. H. J. Hallett, who needs no introduction to Saltus Old Boys. He has had an active part in all the recent development of the School and we are glad to welcome him in the complete assurance that he is the man to preside over its future progress.

THE EDITOR.

Valete

This will be the last and, I hope the shortest, of the messages that I write for the Saltus "Year Book". The shortest because I do not like writing anything about myself and because no one should really write his own as-it-were-obituary!

After fifteen years at the head of the Saltus Grammar School I am handing over the Headmastership at the end of this term to my friend and colleague, Mr. H. J. Hallett. I am, of course, after so many years in the service of this school and its boys, sorry that the time has come to leave; but I am extremely glad to know that I leave the school in such proved and competent hands.

My work here has been a happy undertaking and I realise how much I owe to others and to their help, loyalty and support—the boys of the school, the Staff, the S.G.S. Trustees, and to the Parents. It is invidious to mention names for fear of the offense that might be given by omissions (I dare not even mention yours, Mr. Editor), but I do strongly feel that I cannot leave the school without acknowledging with the deepest gratitude what my wife, who has devoted so much time and energy to Saltus and its interests, and I myself owe in every possible way to such families (sometime Trustees of the School) as Cox, Watlington, Butterfield, Dill, Triminghams (both Eldon and Kenneth), and to "H.J.H.," who has been virtually my partner for so long, and to "J.H.K." whose enormous capacity for accurate work has been the foundation upon which such success as has been attained has been built.

I know that I am leaving a school of enthusiastic, decent boys: the morale, work and organization of the school are in a healthy condition: the Old Boys' Association is firmly on its feet (due largely to the work of a devoted few): new buildings, badly needed, are at last on the way. You will have, additionally and most important of all, a Headmaster already well-known to you and whom you can trust.

My most earnest best wishes remain with the Saltus Grammar School and with you all: you will be constantly in my thoughts.

R.E.E.B.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

On the day preceding the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten the School assembled to hear an address by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. William Addis. Mr. Addis began by emphasizing the importance to the whole Empire of the marriage of the Heiress Presumptive to the British Throne, and went on to point out that the loyal interest displayed by this Colony in the Mother Country was not misplaced, for, without the support which we have for centuries received from her, "We should be nothing but a tiny, insignificant island in the vast Atlantic Ocean."

He then reviewed the early life of the Princess, showing how for many years she had been trained and disciplined to shoulder the immense responsibilities that she might some day have to bear. He added that Her Royal Highness and the Empire were equally fortunate in that her choice had fallen on a man like Lieut. Mountbatten, whose career in His Majesty's Navy, already a distinguished one, displayed qualities that made him likely to prove an ideal Consort.

The boys then proceeded to enjoy a veritable feast of cakes, minerals and a phenomenal quantity of ice cream in the School Hall before going home for the rest of the day.

J.D.S.

Empire Day Celebration

The Empire Day ceremonies at Saltus Grammar School took place on Friday morning, when Vice-Admiral Sir William Tennant addressed the boys.

Accompanying the Admiral were Lady Tennant and the Flag-Lieutenant, while Mrs. Leon Powell represented the I.O.D.E.

Prior to the assembly the Admiral inspected a Cadet Guard of Honour, and later he met the staff at the Headmaster's House.

In the course of his introductory address the Headmaster, Mr. R. E. E. Booker, reminded the boys that May 24th was the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Victoria. It had been officially recognised as Empire Day since 1902, when Lord Meath inaugurated it as a day on which the training of young people in Empire citizenship should be thought upon. In Bermuda the festival had been kept alive mainly through the energy and initiative of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, and the I.O.D.E. visitor with them on that day, as often before, was Mrs. Leon Powell

Since 1936, with two exceptions, all their speakers on that occasion had been Admirals serving in Bermuda. They would understand how appropriate this was and had been when they thought of what their sea-girt island necessarily owed to the Royal Navy. Now, more than ever, he was glad to have the Admiral with them to encourage them in those difficult times, when war was once again spoken of everywhere, and to remind them of their duty to the British Empire. This was, as they would remember, Admiral Tennant's second visit and he hoped certainly not his last. thought they knew him well enough to say that he represented two very important things-Tradition and Originality . . . Tradition from his service in the Royal Navy . . . Originality in that he was not content to serve in a stereotyped manner. For example, he had recently been to South America, really as a kind of ambassador, where he delighted the people by addressing them in their own language, which he had taken the trouble to learn in the few months prior to going there . . . quite an undertaking, they would agree, and a first-rate diplomatic idea also. They would listen with respect and interest to what he had to tell them.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Tennant spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with them again on Empire Day. Most of them had heard his address of the previous year, and some would recognise bits of his talks on that occasion; but he was encouraged to hope that they would not adopt the attitude suggested by a conversation between two friends of his after listening to a speech . . . "It was the same old stuff," said one. "I'd heard everything before. It just went into one ear and out of the other." "Quite so", retorted the other, "but then there was nothing in between to stop it, was there?"

Two things in particular he wished to repeat. The first was: think of the other fellow's point of view. In the navy there was an expression which summed up the opposite attitude,—"I'm in the boat, shove off." If they could wake up one morning to find everybody in the world doing his best to help the other fellow, then there would be a world changed for the better, and the prospect of a reign of peace; now although there did not appear to be much likelihood of that happening, either tomorrow or the next day, it was at least possible for each one of them to try and do his bit. Secondly, when addressing a ship's company he had often felt conscious that there might be some of the younger men in the back rank who felt that they didn't count. That was a very misguided conception. It mattered very much what every man in that ship's company thought, and what he said and did. So, too, in any other community. Could anyone imagine a boat's crew winning a race unless all were fully bent to their tasks. The same applied to the nation. It was up to each one of them to do his bit.

On this celebration of Empire Day they were gathered together to do homage to an institution which had stood the test for over 300 years, and he believed that the British Empire was the finest institution of its kind the world had ever known. It was not perfect, but history had shown no better. Those of them who were students of history would realise that its evolution showed how well it had worked; there was the evolution of self-governing institutions, and from the colony the emergence of the Dominion; then at the call of distress they had seen the sister nations ready to help England and to help each other. The Empire had changed since he was a boy. In those earlier times England had provided practically everything in the way of protection; now she herself had lost much of her former strength, but although there had been some re-distribution of strength the Empire as a whole stood as strong as ever. Yet it was doubly important that all stood together. The Empire stood for fair play. Recent events in Palestine furnished a good example of this and of British integrity.

Their school here in Bermuda corresponded to the public school in England, and cherished the same public school spirit, that of fair play. In life, as in games, they must strive to play to the rules; it was not so vital to win as to play fair and play cleanly. The same spirit should be carried with them into business: it was better to have less money with a clear conscience than to have more money when it was soiled by sharp practice.

"Who is the happy warrior, who is he that every man at arms would wish to be?" asked the poet Wordsworth. And who is the good citizen they should wish to be? He would like to build him up on these Don'ts... Don't moan and grouse all day long. Don't let yourself or anyone else down. Don't forget the other chap's point of view. These epitomised a spirit of unselfishness. Recently he had been privileged to be present at Government House to witness an investiture for a fine action of unselfishness and of great gallantry. It was the award of the George Medal to Geoffrey Allan Osborne, who on two separate occasions, separated by an interval of about six months, had dashed to the rescue of the crew of his crashed and burning plane, as a result of which he had been badly burned about the hands and face and partially crippled. That was the spirit which counted in the world.

If they read their papers they would gather the impression that the world was in a bit of a muddle. Now let him read them the opinion of some very eminent gentlemen expressed at a recent meeting at the Albert Hall, London, of a society called "Christian Action". The Society was composed of leading citizens of Western Europe, including the eminent diplomat, Lord Halifax. "We all have to acknowledge our share in the great failure of the world

teday... in its failure to hold on to things that truly made for its health and well-being.... The only hope for our getting out of the present time of fear and suspicion and unrest in the world is the deep spiritual conviction among all peoples that there is no salvation for mankind except by a return to the sense of duty by every human being to God and his fellow men." It would be they of their generation who must try to assure a fine new world when they grew up.

He wished them good luck and good fortune wherever they might go.

Tribute to R. E. E. Booker

BY JOHN W. Cox, C.B.E.



It is now more than fifty years since the establishment of Saltus Grammar School. In that length of time the school has had only three headmasters. This has been an important factor in establishing the school on a firm foundation for it has created a sense of stability, continuity and permanence. The school has been even more fortunate in that each of the three headmasters, in accordance with the best traditions of the teaching profession, have always been more concerned over the advancement of the school and the best interests of the pupils than with their own advantage. It is with great regret that the Trustees have received the resignation of Mr. Booker. Their regret will be fully shared by the staff, who have worked with

him, by a considerable company of old boys who have passed through the school during his administration and by the scholars now at school.

Mr. Booker, instead of proceeding immediately to Oxford during the First World War, like all of the best of his generation, responded to the call of duty, and served in France on active service as a subaltern in the "Buffs" (East Kent Regiment). At the conclusion of the war he went up to Brasenose College, Oxford, and in due course received his degree. After several years of teaching at his old school, St. Andrew's, Eastbourne, and at a private school, Mr. Booker decided to seek experience and opportunity on this side of the Atlantic. After serving in Bermuda as a member of the staff of Somers College in Southampton Parish, Mr. Booker joined the staff of the Saltus Grammar School in 1933, and shortly afterwards he was called upon to share with Mr. Freer Cox and Mr. H. J. Hallett the responsibility of the administration of the school, because of the serious illness of the headmaster, Mr. Henry C. Cox. On the resignation through protracted illness of Mr. Cox, Mr. Booker was appointed headmaster with effect from the commencement of the Easter term, 1934. When seeking a worthy successor to the headmastership which had been filled with such distinction by his two predecessors, it was not difficult for the Trustees to feel assured that Mr. Booker would fill the position with credit and to the advantage of the school. Mr. Booker had already demonstrated that he possessed in good measure a high sense of duty, good learning, enthusiasm, a real love of his chosen profession, a great liking for boys, as well as a fundamental understanding of them. During his administration Mr. Booker's enthusiasm and his interest in the school has never flagged. He has worked both in school and out for the improvement and advancement of the school.

It was upon Mr. Booker's shoulders that the burden fell to carry the school through the difficulties and anxieties of the recent war. The Trustees would like to pay their tribute to Mr. Booker for his work in the Imperial Censorship Establishment so willingly undertaken and carried out by him without remuneration and without detriment to the work of the school. The Trustees would also take this opportunity to record their appreciation of Mr. Booker's efforts since the cessation of hostilities to make good defects and commence projects for the further advancement and improvement of the school which the exigencies of war have inevitably delayed.

After fifteen years at the Saltus Grammar School Mr. Booker feels the need for a change and a wish to pursue his vocation in another sphere, and so in furtherance of his plans he has resigned and intends to proceed to the United States of America in the hope that he will find there the field of endeavour in which he feels he can best use his talents.

To Mr. Booker the Trustees tender their grateful thanks for the splendid work which he has accomplished in the interests of the Saltus Grammar School, and their appreciation of the services which he has rendered to this Island Colony, whose interests he has identified with his own while it has been his home. With him will go the best wishes of the School and its affiliates and of a host of friends which he has made during the years that he has been among us.

Carol Booker

School years are impressionable years and the process of time will show what things are most likely to survive in the storehouse of memory. To the grief of our instructors, we fear, it is not the hard facts of the textbook which leave the most lasting impression, rather it is the impact of personality. To the many generations of Saltus boys who have come and gone during the past fifteen years the Headmaster's wife has meant a real, live person, not merely one who has been content to work behind the scenes, but a dynamic individual who has entered into the arena of school life. Studies and sports alike have been stimulated by her presence, in the organization of school functions, such as Founder's Day, she has worked indefatigably, and all will remember the charm with which she has presided as hostess on the innumerable occasions where a woman's presiding genius is indispensable. There are those, too, chiefly among senior boys, who have had the privilege to be entertained at the Headmaster's House, there to make a closer contact with the sympathetic charm of the Headmaster's wife.

To the staff, who perhaps more readily discern the insistent demands upon her time and patience, she has been a friend and helper. Some will remember the tremendous energy, enthusiasm and patience which she gave to the organisation of the Boarding School, functioning with such success until the vicissitudes of wartime led to its dissolution. All have enjoyed her hospitality, her friendly advice and help. To those cut off from the homeland by three thousand miles of ocean, to those particularly, her kindly sympathy and practical help in finding them a home and in finding them friends has meant a great deal, the difference between discomfort and happiness.

Has she found a place in our hearts and memory? I think so.

"F. B. R."

Frank Barrier Rogers joined the Staff of the Saltus Grammar School in the Xmas Term of 1936, as a result of a personal interview in England with the Headmaster. He took up residence in what was then the "Masters' Lodge" and at once made his presence felt amongst his colleagues by his cheerful nature and by his feats of "derring-do"-it is reputed that he once, for a wager, rode a bicycle from the back of the Lodge all the way lown to Hamilton without touching the handlebars-an undertaking not as easy as it may sound when the nature of the terrain to be covered at the school end is considered. the 1947 hurricane the roof of the old Boarding School building was only saved from destruction through the energies of F.B.R., two boys and an axe, at the height of the storm when a falling tree threatened its safety. "Buck", as we have all affectionately called him (a nickname shows "character" in a school), has always been a real schoolmaster: his every waking thought and act has been on behalf of the school and he has lavishly spent what to others would be spare time upon tutoring those of his Latin pupils who have found that admittedly difficult subject more than usually hard. A man of strong views bluntly and quite frequently expressed, his opinions have, for all that, never been selfish but always, as it were, in favour of the interests of his pupils. At all times ready to protect the position of his House or his Form, it was, nevertheless, as a Duty-master that he really excelled and more than a decade of Saltus boys will carry with them always memories of his voice (both the loud and the soft!) encouraging them in the way in which beyond doubt they should go.

In the days of the Saltus Boarding School, too, his worth was apparent and the out-of-school pastimes of the Boarders, sailing, swimming and so on, owed much to his never-flagging interest and availability.

For the last nine years he has organised the House Boxing Competition with such success that Admiral Sir Irvine Glennie, R.N., and Admiral Braisted, U.S.N., who attended the competition in 1946, agreed together afterwards that it was the best schoolboy boxing that they had seen. It has become, perhaps, the most popular of all the school functions.

His "subject", Latin, perhaps the hardest of all in a school not actually orientated towards Common Entrance, he has tackled with determination and shown clearly that he believed in its essential as well as its scholastic value: a list of "Bermuda" and "Rhodes" Scholars of the last 12 years bears testimony to what they owe him.

In a school if a man genuinely has character his place can never really be "filled". Frank Rogers, already a frequent topic of conversation amongst Old Boys of his time, will soon become part of the Saltus Grammar School legend. He will be very much missed: our very best wishes go with him.

R.E.E.B

Old Boys' News

COMMITTEE

J. U. Christensen, Ll. Vorley, Ll. Gibbons, Jr., Ralph Patterson, H. A. Leseur.

Among other business discussed at the meeting, Old Boys will be interested to know that a set of plans for the proposed Gymnasium was offered for preliminary consideration. Since the first estimate was made, however, the costs of building have risen to such an extent that the original fund of £5,000 is now less than a third of the estimated cost.

The Annual Celebration of Founder's Day took place last year on June 19th. In the morning there was a Commemoration Service in Hall, at which Dr. W. E. Talbot was the Orator. After the service the Headmaster, Staff, Prefects and the Senior School proceeded to St. John's Churchyard, where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the founder, Samuel Saltus.

After luncheon the usual Cricket Matches took place against Old Boys' teams and the School celebrations closed with the Cadet Band Beating the Retreat on the Field. In the evening the Saltus Old Boys' Association Dinner was held in the New Windsor Hotel, at which function Mr. N. H. P. Vesey was the chief speaker.

Marriages:

Ernest Young to Dorothy Andison in Bermuda.

John Adams to Mary Ellen Noonan in the United States.

H. R. Evans to Dorothy Ann Outerbridge in Bermuda.

J. W. Kempe Jr., to Mary Elizabeth Reid in Canada.

R. H. Mullin to Phyllis Ann Smith in Bermuda.

Ormond C. Zuill to Katharine Wainwright Church in the United States.

T. J. Wadson to Judith Cecilia Moore.

Deaths:

Lieut. Lionel Hunter in November, 1947, aged 30. Dr. W. T. Conyers on February 25th, 1948, aged 68. R. W. Hayward on April 15th, 1948, aged 17.

Mr. H. D. Butterfield has found it necessary to resign his seat on the Devonshire College, Body No. 1, the governing body of the Saltus Grammar School. In so doing he has severed a long family connection, for he succeeded his father on that body. He still, however, retains his place as a Trustee of the Saltus Fund. We are glad of the opportunity to welcome in his place on the governing body of the School, another Saltus Old Boy, Mr. Bernard T. Gosling.

Major Glyn Gilbert, M.C., has left the War Office for a Staff appointment in Germany.

- R. L. Barnard has gained his B.Sc. degree at McGill University and has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for 1948.
- D. J. Williams has been selected to act as coach and trainer to the Bermuda Track and Field teams, which are going to England this summer for the Olympic Games.

Saltus Old Boys formed a considerable part of the teams which visited Long Island Sound last summer to race the Luders 16's against the Indian Harbour Yacht Club and the International 14's against the Essex Yacht Club.

- M. A. Gibbons, Jr., is now the proud father of a son, M.A. III; he is now at Vero Beach, Florida.
- A. J. Motyer has had his Rhodes Scholarship extended for another term at Oxford, and has been appointed a Lecturer in English at the University of Manitoba as from January, 1949.

John Gilbert and A. C. H. Hallett are in their last year at Toronto University and are expecting to take their B.A. degrees this summer.

- R. D. Butterfield has taken part in Toronto University's production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and other plays.
- J. F. Vivian, when last heard from, was touring England with a theatrical troupe.
- J. R. E. Booker has now obtained his discharge from the Royal Navy and is at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Henry Beardsley has now completed an Arts Course at the University of Missouri and is intending to take a course in Journalism there in September.

C. E. Woollard, who was awarded the Bermuda Teachers' Training Scholarship in 1946, is now back here and is teaching at the Whitney Institute.

- N. H. Richardson, who left us at Christmas, has been teaching since then at Warwick Academy.
- A. A. Michielson, who passed the exam for Special Entry to the Royal Navy, has been cruising round the West Indies as a Cadet in H.M.S. Devonshire, and was among those sent to Belize last March, when Guatemala was threatening British Honduras.

David Gilbert is now at Stowe School in England.

- W. M. Cox and Neville Conyers have been playing Association Football for Toronto University and have both been awarded their T's.
- D. H. Harrison, now at Dalhousie University, has been playing both Rugby and Association Football for the University and captained the latter team.
- At Mount Allison University Clarence Terceira captained the Association Football team and Bill Hutt played both for that team and for the Rugby Football team.
- L. G. Pantry has been playing Association Football for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and has captained his team. He has also won the Bronze Medal for Life-Saving and passed the exam in Criminal Law top of his class.

Peter Seymour, who went to Charterhouse School in England as the Bermuda Scholar for 1945, was Captain of the Charterhouse Swimming Team in the Public Schools Sports Meeting, and was chosen as one of five Charterhouse boys to spend several months as an exchange student at the Lycee Pasteur in Paris.

Kit Astwood, also at Charterhouse, has been awarded his Swimming Colours and took part in the Public Schools Sports Meeting. He won the Boxing Competition at his weight, under 16 years and under 126 lbs.

Eldon Trimingham played water polo for Stowe School and Brian Burland swam for Aldenham School at the same sports meeting.

Harry King appeared in a new role last summer, when he got through several rounds playing for Kindley Field in the U.S. Army Air Force Tennis Tournament.

Lyall Mayor is a joint partner in the Bermuda Air Charter Service, formed to take tourists on sightseeing trips over the Islands.

R. O. Walters, who won a Cradock Scholarship to H.M.S. Conway, passed through Bermuda in November, 1947, as a cadet on the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's M.V. Sarmiento.

Those Old Boys who remember him may be interested to know that Mr. R. E. Frewen is back in Bermuda, teaching at Warwick Academy.

School Notes

DEATHS:-We regret to announce the deaths of:-

- HENRY JAMES COX on March 6th, 1948, at the age of 90. Mr. Cox was the father of Mr. John W. Cox and the grandfather of Harry, William and Michael Cox, all Saltus Old Boys, and was himself a Trustee of the School for many years.
- E. R. MASON, M.C., on June 23rd, 1947, at the age of 58. Mr. Mason was formerly an assistant master at the school.
- MARRIAGE We offer our congratulations to Mr. F. L. Stephenson on his marriage to Audrey Evelyn Narbrugh. The ceremony took place in St. John's Church, Pembroke, on Saturday, April 24th. There was a reception after the ceremony at the house of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hallett on Mount Hill.

The Bermuda Scholarship for 1947 was awarded to D. H. Harrison, to whom we offer hearty congratulations.

W. Brownlow Gray was awarded the Cradock Scholarship for 1947, and is now training on H.M.S. Conway in England.

The Cambridge Exam Results for 1947 have recently come to hand and are as follows:—

Higher School Certificate-N. H. Richardson.

School Certificate, Grade I-J. D. Stubbs.

Grade II-T. W. Dunch, D. A. Gosling, D. E. DeSilva.

Grade III-H. C. Anfossi, A. V. Little, D. S. R. Smith.

We offer a belated welcome to Messrs. S. A. Applegate, H. A. Leseur, F. X. Mahoney and the Rev. Frank Ross, who have joined the Staff here during the year. Mr. Applegate teaches Spanish and Economics in particular, and is form-master of Form IV S besides. Mr. Leseur was our Head Prefect not so many years ago, and came back to be form-master of the Lower Third. We are sorry to add that both Mr. Applegate and Mr. Leseur will be leaving us at the end of the term. Mr. Mahoney has taken over the gym and much of the work connected with the games, and the Rev. F. H. Ross has succeeded Mr. Bridge as Choirmaster.

Mr. J. R. Bridge left us, to our regret, at the end of the Easter term. He had been our Choirmaster for just over ten years and had effected a very real improvement in the singing here. At the closing ceremony at the end of last term the Headmaster made a presentation to him on behalf of the School.

As usual at the end of the Christmas Term, the School Choir gave a Carol Concert in the Assembly Hall on Dec. 18th, for the

last time under the direction of Mr. Bridge. The Concert was well-attended and the Choir was considered good enough to repeat the performance over the air from ZBM on Dec. 19th.

On that date, Dec. 19th, the School Dance was held in the

Assembly Hall to the music of the Modern Airs Orchestra.

At the end of March Laurence Olivier's production of Shakespeare's King Henry V came to the local cinemas. The whole School took a morning off to attend a special performance for school children at the Playhouse, as the guests of the Trustees and the Saltus Old Boys' Association. The film was certainly enjoyed and, in our estimation, came nearer reproducing a Shakespearian atmosphere than any other film version of his plays that we have seen.

During the year Mr. J. H. Kerry read a paper to the Bermuda Historical Society entitled "Life in Bermuda in 1851". The material was largely obtained from a study of the newspapers of the time.

Richard Pearman recently passed the Common Entrance Examination and has been admitted to Stowe School in England, and W. J. H. Trott has been accepted at Kent School in the United States for next term. We extend to both of them our wishes for their success.

The following have delivered lectures to the School:-

Major Simon Frazer on "War Experiences".

The Right Rev. Arthur Browne, Bishop of Bermuda, as he was at the time, on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Dr. T. S. Outerbridge on "Life In China". The Rev. F. H. Ross on "Newfoundland". Mr. L. N Tucker on "The Sailors' Home" Mr. Travis on "Mosquito Prevention".

Mr. S. Gascoigne a cinema lecture on "Football".

The Debating Society

The schoolboy of today is allowed too much freedom. Strangely enough, this provocative motion found ardent support in one of our most keenly contested debates of recent times. Amid suppressed groans from the ranks of the oppressed the proposers advocated a further turn of the screw. Stressing the amount of leisure time still enjoyed by the schoolboy, they doubted his ability or willingness to use it to the best advantage; usually he was left too much to his own devices, and it was for his own ultimate good that he should be further disciplined in the use of all this leisure as a preparation for a career of work whether at the university or in a profession; they would allow him a certain amount of leisure free from control, mark you, but not too much. On the contrary, having traced the boy through his day of school-work, of compulsory games, cadets and other activities, and finally home to the demands of

homework, the opposers found him at the end of it all ready to tumble into the arms of Morpheus. Whither did this Motion lead? Into the concentration camp? What had become of the Atlantic Charter? A large measure of freedom was necessary in youth: boys must learn by experience how to spend their spare time properly and sensibly.

Proposer.......N. H. Richardson
Opposer......F. C. R. Gilmour
Third.......C. T. M. Collis
Fourth......W. B. Gray

The motion was narrowly defeated by two votes.

In the course of the session there have been two Hat Debates, always a popular feature. The flow of oratory in these debates has been somewhat stimulated by the new rule requiring the recitation of six lines of poetry as the penalty for an inadequate speech; the rule works reasonably well, though it must be admitted that the recitations are not always of a classical standard. The subjects yielded by the Hat have included:

What should be done with the path of the Bermuda Railway? Do you believe in ghosts?
What would be your choice of a career?
The pen is mightier than the sword
Would you rather live now, or in 2048?
Other full-dress debates have been:

Bermuda is losing her tourist trade.

The motion was carried by five votes.

Proposer	I. C. Corv
Opposer	
Third	
FourthD	

The children of today show too little respect for their elders.

Proposer	C. T. M. Collis
	D. DeSilva
Third	F. C. R. Gilmour
	T. Dunch

The motion was carried by four votes.

Officers for the year 1947-48

President.....Mr. J. H. Kerry

Committee

D. S. R. Smith, D. P. Lines, C. T. M. Collis and the Secretary.

World Today and "Cult A"

The members of the combined World Today Club and Cult A feel that their greatest contribution to the school and community was the sale of seals for the Tuberculosis Association. In conjunction with the campaign the combined groups sponsored a poster contest.

During the celebration of Navy Day by the United States Navy the club visited the United States Naval Operating Base. The boys were conducted on a tour of the base facilities. Highlights of the day were the close order drill demonstration by the United States Marine Corps and the visit to the giant flying boats operated by the air arm of the Navy. Two Navy sea planes were jet assisted in their take-off.

The critical international situation has been the chief subject of discussion during the weekly meetings. Topics of chief interest were the ERP, UNESCO, the Pan American Conference, and the Partition of Palestine. Several of the boys have begun to correspond with students in other parts of the world that are also interested in the hope for international understanding and conciliation.

Saltus Company, Bermuda Cadet Corps

Despite many temporary difficulties the Saltus Company of the Corps has functioned continually throughout the difficult period of adjustment after the end of hostilities. Lieut. Stephenson and more recently 2nd Lieut. Leseur have done much to keep the work going even when instructors were not available.

The company was well represented at the Annual Training Camp which was this year held for the first time at St. David's Battery. All agreed that the location was excellent but the absence of a rifle range made the more interesting phase of training extremely difficult. It has just been announced that this year's camp will be held at the same place and that the Schools' group will not go into training until two weeks after schools have closed. It is to be hoped that this change from established precedent will not seriously affect the good attendance which Saltus has maintained since the revival of the Corps.

The school band, though lacking vital instrument replacements, gave a fine display last Founder's Day at the usual Beating of the Retreat ceremony on the school field. The band has had no competent band instructor for some years and its survival is due almost entirely to senior band members, like C.S.M. Harrison and C.S.M. Gosling, who it is hoped have set a fine example for others to follow.

The Annual Field Day held at Castle Harbour was a fine day's outing for the whole unit, but considerable regret was expressed by the boys as a result of the "invisible" and elusive enemy.

At the time of writing several important changes are taking place in the Corps. The Government has provided additional funds for the maintenance of a Headquarters on the Reid Street Extension. This will at last give the Corps a home for the first time in its existence. Lieut. Nickson, Royal Signals, who has been Adjutant is returning to England and as a result of recent commitments I have found it necessary to resign my commission. My association with the Corps has been a long and enjoyable one and the good fellowship it provided will be sorely missed. I would urge all Cadets and particularly those of Saltus to get behind new appointments and keep the Bermuda Cadet Corps up to its established standard.

Platoon Commander: Lieut. R. L. Stephenson. Platoon Commander: 2nd Lieut. H. A. Leseur.

Cadet S.M.: D. A Gosling.

N.C.O.s: Sgt. D. S. R Smith, Cpl. Dunch, L/C. Little, L/C. D. Lines, L/C. J. Stubbs, L/C. Mullin.

Strength: 54.

S. GASCOIGNE, C/Capt., O.C., "A" Coy., B.C.C.

Athletics

Once again the time has come for me to comment on the athletic programme here at Saltus. Upholding the Greek idea of balance in the development of mind and body—considerable attention and planning is given to this phase of life here at school. No sane person would deny the pleasure to be gained from watching games, but it is our aim to encourage the active participation of all.

The school is divided at the beginning of each term into six divisions and it is in these carefully graded groups that each boy indulges in his seasonal games. Soccer football, gymnastics, physical Training, Track and Field and Cricket are compulsory for all, while there is ample opportunity for participation in Boxing, Swimming and Tennis. These varied activities will, I hore, continue to flourish under competent games-masters as heretofore.

Looking back over the years I think it is only fair to say that in recent years the boys of the school are smaller in stature and this has of necessity reduced the complete domination which the school at one time had over all inter-school athletic competitions. Much

useful athletic material now goes abroad to school at an earlier age but despite this migration Saltus continues to more than hold its own. I am well satisfied with last year's achievements and I look forward to an even more successful year ahead. Detailed results of competitions are enumerated below.

S. GASCOIGNE.

Games-master.

Football, 1947-48

RESULTS

1st Eleven vs. B.A.A. "C"-Lost-7-2.

1st Eleven vs. Warwick Academy-Won-8-0.

lst Eleven vs. S.G.S. Staff-Won-3-2.

1st Eleven vs. Mt. St. Agnes-Drawn-2-2.

1st Eleven vs. Warwick Academy-Won-5-2.

1st Eleven vs. Mt. St. Agnes-Lost-3-1.

lst Eleven vs. Warwick Academy-Won-6-1.

1st Eleven vs. Old Boys-Lost-4-1.

Junior League vs. Warwick Academy-Won-2-1.

Junior League vs. Mt. St. Agnes-Won-2-0.

Junior League vs. Warwick Academy-Lost-1-0.

Junior League vs. Mt. St. Agnes-Won-3-0.

Junior League vs. Warwick Academy-Drawn-0-0.

Junior League vs. Warwick Academy-Lost-1-0.

HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR

Saltus defeated Watlington—2-1. Saltus defeated Butterfield—4-0.

Watlington defeated Darrell-2-0.

Butterfield defeated Darrell-4-0.

RESULT OF COMPETITION

1. Saltus. 2. Watlington. 3. Butterfield. 4. Darrell.

JUNIOR

Watlington defeated Darrell–2-0. Watlington defeated Saltus–2-0. Butterfield drew with Saltus–0-0.

Saltus defeated Butterfield 1-0. Butterfield defeated Darrell—1-0.

RESULTS OF COMPETITION

1. Watlington. 2. Saltus. 3. Butterfield. 4. Darrell.

Cricket

Cricket always presents a problem at a day school because of the length of time required to complete a match. In an age when cricket is fast losing its popularity, Saltus is determined to stimulate interest in the fine traditions of the game. The First Eleven was, last year, fortunate to have such a player as A. G. Smith to captain the side in such a capable manner. Colours were awarded to D. S. R. Smith, R. Hayward, D. H. Harrison and D. A. Gosling.

RESULTS

1st Eleven vs. S. G. S. Staff (93 for 3, All out 78)—Won.
1st Eleven vs. Staff & Depts. (102 for 8, All out 70)—Won.
1st Eleven vs. R. A., St. David's (103 All out, 98 for 8)—Drawn.
1st Eleven vs. Admiralty House (104 for 9, All out 98)—Won.
1st Eleven vs. Visitors XI (80 All out, All out 159)—Lost.
1st Eleven vs. Old Boys (62 for 4, 200 for 8)—Drawn.
Special XI vs. St. George's Grammar School (104, 57)—Won.
Special XI vs. Whitney Institute (40, 68)—Lost.

S.G.

S. G. S. Athletic Sports

The Annual School Sports were held on Thursday, March 11th, on the school field and the event was well attended by Old Boys, Parents and Friends of the school. Although the weather had not been very kind for preliminary training, the day itself was perfect For the first time in the long history of the Annual Senior Point Cup two boys, each equally deserving, gained an equal number of points. D. S. R. Smith with a perfect record of four firsts and D. A. Gosling with three firsts, a second and a third to his credit will each hold the familiar trophy for six months of the year. Records were not very plentiful but those established were exceptionally good performances and it was significant that the Senior Point Cup winners should be responsible for the two new marks set. One record which should not be overlooked was the very fine tea which has once again reached its pre-war magnitude and which was equally enjoyed by the guests and boys.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

GROUP A-50 yards-1, F. I. B. Williams; 2, W. C. Acton; 3, G. K. Kitson-Time, 8.1 seconds. 100 yards-1, G. K. Kitson; 2, T. R. Ryall; 3, W. C. Acton.—Time, 15.8 seconds. Long jump-1, F. I. B. Williams; 2, W. C. Acton; 3, G. K. Kitson.—Distance, 9 feet 2 inches.

GROUP B-100 yards-1, R. C. Bailey; 2, R. K. Freisenbruch; 3, F. A. Kuhn.—Time, 14.4 seconds. 220 yards-1, R. K. Freisenbruch; 2, J. Atkinson; 3, G. D. Butterfield.—Time, 34.4 seconds. Half-mile-1, R. C. Bailey; 2, T. J. Dickenson; 3, W. Hanlon.—Time, 3 minutes 6.7 seconds. Long jump-1, R. C. Bailey; 2, F. W. Wakeman; 3, K. A. Jones.—Distance, 11 feet 5 inches. High jump-1, P. W. Macky; 2, A. Pimental; 3, F. A. Kuhn. Height, 3 feet, 11 inches.

GROUP C-100 yards-1, W. C. Ferguson; 2, D. Gibbons; 3, G. L. Young. Time, 13.1 seconds. 220 yards-1, D. Gibbons; 2, J. R. Ablett; 3, H. J. Cassidy.—Time, 32.3 seconds. 440 yards-1, J. R. Ablett; 2, D. W Macky; 3, J. Carey.—Time, 1 minute 11 seconds. Long jump-1, H. T. Cassidy; 2, E. R. Stuedli; 3, D. W. Archdale.—Distance. 13 feet, 1 inch. High jump-1, D. W. Macky; 2, D. W. Archdale; 3, R. J. M. Jack.—Height, 4 fect 5\frac{1}{4} inches. Threequarter mile road race-1, J. R. Ablett; 2, D. Gibbons; 3, H. J. Cassidy.—Time, 4 minutes, 12.5 seconds.

GROUP D-100 yards-1, E. L. Minugh; 2, V. M. Ford; 3, H. N. Dunkley.—Time, 12.7 seconds. 220 yards: 1, K. T. C. Davis; 2, E. L. Minugh; 3, R. M. Constable—Time, 29.4 seconds. 440 yards-1, K. T. C. Davis; 2, E. L. Minugh; 3, A. D. Pearce.—Time, 67.9 seconds. Half-mile—1, K. T. C. Davis; 2, A. D. Pearce: 3, H. W. Mitchell.—Time, 2 minutes 34.5 seconds. One mile road race—1, K. T. C. Davis; 2, A. D. Pearce; 3, H. N. Dunkley.—Time, 5 minutes, 52 seconds. Long jump—1, E. L. Minugh; 2, V. M. Ford; 3, L. D. Todd.—Distance 14 feet 10 inches. High jump—1, R. S. L. Pearman; 2, N. Murray; 3, R. R. Thompson and G. C. Parnell.—Height, 4 feet 4\frac{3}{4} inches. 120 yards hurdles—1, R. R. Thompson; 2, R. M. Constable; 3, N. Murray.—Time, 24.1 seconds.

GROUP E-100 yards-1, C. T. M. Collis; 2, F. E. B. Oatham; 3, D. A. Gosling.—Time, 11.4 seconds. 220 yards—1, D. A. Gosling; 2, C. T. M. Collis; 3, J. D. Stubbs.—Time, 27.8 seconds. 440 yards—1, D. A. Gosling; 2, C. T. M. Collis; 3, T. W. Dunch.—Time, 61.3 seconds. Half-mile—1, A. L. Mullin; 2, T. W. Dunch; 3, P. W. Lyon.—Time, 2 minutes 24 seconds. Two-mile road race—1, P. W. Lyon; 2, J. T. Michielson; 3, N. E. Dias.—Time, 12 minutes, 32.5 seconds. 120 yards hurdles—1, D. A. Gosling; 2, J. D. Stubbs; 3, C. T. M. Collis.—Time, 18.8 seconds (new school record). Long jump—1, D. S. R. Smith; 2, D. A. Gosling; 3, C. T. M. Collis.—Distance, 18 fect, 6 inches. High jump—1, D. S. R. Smith; 2, R. B. Stephens; 3, D. B. Gray.—Height 5 feet 4½ inches (equals school record). Putting the shot—1, D. S. R. Smith; 2, E. J. Fall; 3, D. P. Lines.—Distance 34 feet, 5¾ inches.

Junior Inter-House Relay-1, Butterfield; 2, Saltus; 3, Watlington.—Time, 2 minutes, 12 seconds.

Senior Inter-House Relay-1, Watlington; 2, Butterfield; 3, Darrell.

Senior Point Cup-D. S. R. Smith and D. A. Gosling-16 points each.

Junior Point Cup-K. T. C. Davis-16 points.

Senior Inter-House Competition-1, Saltus; 2, Watlington; 3, Butterfield.

Junior Inter-House Competition—1, Butterfield; 2, Saltus; 3, Watlington.

Boxing

The thirteenth annual competition for the House Boxing Shield presented by Mr. J. W. Cox (O.S.) was held on Friday, February 27th, under the patronage of Brig. W. D. Robertson, D.S.O., O.C. Troops in Bermuda.

The preliminary rounds of the competition had been held on the previous Monday and had produced a larger entry than ever before. This made it a very long day's work for the referee and the judges, who spent very nearly six hours actually watching fights and who certainly deserve a special vote of thanks for so arduous a performance. But it is, too, I think, a sign of a very healthy spirit in the School and an indication of an increasing interest on the part of the older boys in the training and encouragement of the younger members of their respective Houses.

Here I should like to mention a criticism that I have heard from a fair number of parents, that it is all wrong to bring pressure to bear on boys who have had little or no training, so as to make them enter the Competition. It is, of course, difficult to provide as much training as one would wish during the Christmas Term and the early part of the Easter Term, while football is being played regularly after school, and I myself look forward to the day when the School can undertake more formal instruction in Boxing. But there is much more opportunity for a boy to learn the rudiments of the art than some of our critics assume. During the Easter Term the usual gym classes are devoted generally to that purpose, although it is, admittedly, not easy to teach Boxing to a class of any size. Then most of the Prefects know a little of what they should teach the younger boys and this year they seemed to be making a real effort to do what they could in that direction; and in the lighter weight groups the winners are, more often than not, those with only a little knowledge but plenty of enthusiasm. Mitchell, for example, certainly weighing some ten pounds more than Woollard, but about two years younger, beat him because he kept up a vigorous attack most of the time. Yet he has had nothing like the experience in the

ring that Woollard has had. In the heavier groups the School does less in the way of tuition and the skill of the contestants has more influence on the result of a fight. But Mr. D. J. Williams conducts a class in the B.A.A. Clubhouse and, as far as I know, any boy who is interested is welcome to attend it. Thus, to a great extent, I think it is unfair to accuse us of urging anyone to offer himself as a sacrificial lamb for the slaughter.

To return to this year's competition, the preliminaries produced some very close fights. In the lightweight division Minugh won a very close decision over Cook, close enough to arouse a certain amount of discussion afterwards. The other finalist should have been David Gibbons, but he drove something through his hand at home and was unable to take part. Consequently Cook and Minugh had a return match in the finals. This, too, was a very close fight, but Minugh was unmistakably the winner. Shanks has developed into a hard hitter and won the welterweight division with a T.K.O. to his credit in both the semi-finals and the finals. In the paperweight David Anfossi surprised us by displaying a style which showed real promise, if only he could learn to hit harder. reached the finals, where he was narrowly beaten by Siddle, who certainly knows something about the game and was awarded the Critchley Cup for the best boxer under 100 lbs. Churm reached the semi-finals and then had to drop out of the competition because of a sprained thumb.

This type of injury is quite common and is the result of bad hitting. Those who think that the A.B.A. rules should be revised to allow bandaging of the hands may well be reminded that James J. Jeffries used to have trouble with his hands, that when he beat Fitzsimmons he wore only very light bandages, and in his subsequent fights no bandages at all, and that he had no more trouble with his hands. Jeffries weighed well over two hundred pounds and was using much lighter gloves than the eight-ounce gloves in use in the

amateur ring today.

John Stubbs won the cruiser weight division without too much difficulty; he has learned a great deal recently and has the makings of a good boxer, not least because he is not easily flustered. For a time it looked as though we were not going to find a heavyweight to set against Duncan Gosling. Gosling is now a very good boxer and has a punch like the kick of a mule. In addition, he is a "south-paw", and consequently a formidable opponent for anyone his age. Finally Struan Smith went into the ring with him and gave him a chance to show his paces.

Now I should like to thank all those without whose aid the show could not go on. For the preliminaries Mr. Harold Evans refereed and Messrs. D. J. Williams, S. M. Paschal and Stanley Gascoigne shared the judging. On the night of the finals Mr. Williams

was the referee and Messrs. Paschal and Gascoigne the judges, while Messrs. Raymond and Ross Adderly took a corner each as seconds. There are also the boys who helped to fix the ring up beforehand and to remove it afterwards. They have less of the limelight but they are none the less useful and I am duly grateful to them. They are often those who have no part in the competition and their only reward is the consciousness of being useful to others.

The result of the House Competition was as follows:—First: Watlington House; second: Butterfield House; third: Saltus House.

The individual winners were:-

Microbe weight—T. J. Dickinson (D) beat W. R. Davis (W).

Paper weight-V. R. Siddle (W) beat N. D. Anfossi (W).

Mosquito weight-J. J. FitzPatrick (B) beat D. M. Williams (D).

Flyweight-R. M. Constable (W) beat D. I. R. Barnes (B).

Bantamweight-W H. Adcock (B) beat J. M. Thorne (S).

Featherweight-H. W. Mitchell (S) beat W. C. Woollard (D).

Lightweight-E. L. Minugh (W) beat R. Cook (B).

Welterweight-T. K. Shanks (W) beat A. Todd (W).

Middleweight-E. J. Fall (W) beat D. P. Lines (S).

Cruiserweight-J. D. Stubbs (B) beat C. T. M. Collis (S).

Heavyweight-D. A. Gosling (S) beat D. S. R. Smith (S).

After the fights D. A. Gosling was appointed Captain of Boxing.

F. B. R.

Swimming

Once again the Annual Inter-House Swimming Competition was held at the B.A.A. Pool, Fort Langton, with the kind permission of Mr. W. F. Hayward (O.S.). Mr. Brooks, who has coached swimming at the BA.A. Pool for many summers was unable to return last year but his place was taken by one of his apt publis, Bob Aaron, who did much to maintain the standard of swimming. Many of our boys took advantage of this coaching and the benefits were very evident.

RESULTS OF INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION

,GROUP A-25 yards free-style-1, Dickinson; 2, Wakeman; 3, Cassidy-Time, 18.8 seconds.

GROUP B-25 yards freestyle-1, Archdale; 2, Macky; 3, Hamilton.-Time, 16.2 seconds.

GROUP C-50 yards freestyle-1, Constable; 2, Adcock: 3, Gibbons-Time, 33.8 seconds. 50 yards breast-stroke-1, Smart; 2, Gibbons; 3, Pearman-Time, 46.3 seconds. 25 yards backstroke-1, Constable; 2, Thompson; 3, Adcock.—Time, 19 seconds.

GROUP D-50 yards freestyle-1, Shanks; 2, Bardgett; 3, Anfossi.—Time, 30.4 seconds. 50 yards breaststroke-1, Shanks; 2, Bardgett; 3, Cooke.—Time, 36.5 seconds. 25 yards backstroke-1, Collis; 2, Anfossi; 3, Lines.—Time, 17.4 seconds.

GROUP E-100 yards freestyle-1, Smith; 2, DeSilva; 3, Mullin. Time, 64.8 seconds. 200 yards freestyle-1, Mullin; 2, Smith 1; 3, Dunch 1.—Time, 2 minutes, 31.2 seconds. 100 yards breaststroke-1, Bray; 2, Gosling 1; 3, Little.—Time, 1 minute, 33 seconds. 50 yards backstroke-1, Critchley; 2, Gosling 1; 3, Dunch 1.—Time, 38.5 seconds.

Junior Relay-1, Darrell; 2, Watlington; 3, Butterfield.—Time, 67.7 seconds.

Senior Relay-1, Watlington; 2, Saltus; 3, Butterfield.-Time, 1 minute; 45.1 seconds.

Junior House Competition — 1, Darrell; 2, Watlington; 3, Butterfield.

Senior House Competition – 1, Watlington; 2, Saltus; 3, Butterfield.

Tennis

For the first time in the history of the annual competition the School Staff was defeated by the pupils. The matches were played on the courts of Mr. Edmund Gibbons who did everything possible to make the encounter a success.

RESULTS

Gosling 1 defeated Mr. Leseur, 6-3; Mr. Gascoigne defeated Smith 1, 6-3; Gosling and Smith defeated Mr. Gascoigne and Mr. Leseur, 6-3; Dunch 1 defeated Mr. Stephenson, 7-5; Mr. Kerry defeated Stubbs 1, 6-2; Collis defeated Mr. Applegate, 6-2; Collis and Shanks defeated Mr. Allen and Mr. Applegate, 6-2.

Final result-Boys, 6 matches; Staff, 2.

S.G.







